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JULY 26, 1974

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SUBJECT: SECURITY; RENEWED BOMBING BELFAST .

1. IN MOST CONCENTRATED BARRAGE IN MONTHS, 7 IRA "PROXY" BOMBS EXPLODED DOWNTOWN BELFAST EVENING JULY 25 CAUSING ESTIMATED TWO MILLION POUNDS DAMAGE. IN "PROXY" BOMBING WHICH INCREASINGLY POPULAR TACTIC, DRIVERS PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES FORCED CARRY EXPLOSIVES TO TARGET WHILE PASSENGER OR HELPER IS HELD HOSTAGE.

2. MIRACULOUSLY NO ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED JULY 25 EXPLOSIONS. THREE HURT AT PUB. OTHER TARGETS INCLUDED DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS BUILDINGS AND EUROPA HOTEL, NOW BOMBED 25 TIMES. CAR BOMB AT CORNER QUEEN STREET - WELLINGTON PLACE ONE HALF BLOCK FROM CONSULATE GENERAL, CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE BUT NONE TO OFFICE.

3. WHETHER "BLITZ" WAS PRELUDE TO ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEABLE FESTIVAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF BLOODY FRIDAY, AS PROTEST OVER DETENTIONS, OR UNRELATED TO ANY OF THESE REMAINS CONJECTURE.

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IT MAY HAVE BEEN SIMPLY CASE BOMBERS EXPRESSING CONTEMPT FOR

STRINGENT SECURITY MEASURES, AS ON JULY 23 WHEN BOMB FOUND
ON BELFAST TO LONDON FLIGHT.
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